

## **REMARKS**

Attorney for Applicant has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the above-identified application. Applicant has amended the application, as set forth herein, and respectfully submits that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-19, 21 and 23-41 were rejected in the Office Action as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,539,358 to Coon, et al., the primary reference, in various combinations with the following references: U.S. Patent No. 6,397,086 to Chen; U.S. Patent No. 5,897,155 to Kerner, et al.; and U.S. Patent No. 6,163,079 to Miyazaki, et al.

Applicant previously submitted Declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 on March 25, 2008 and January 9, 2009, which established actual reduction to practice of the present invention prior to June 4, 2001. Submitted herewith is a Supplemental Declaration of Ira Marlowe under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, which establishes actual reduction to practice of the prototype of the present invention discussed in the previous Declarations prior to May 24, 2000, the filing date of Coon, et al.

Specifically, the present Supplemental Declaration, in conjunction with the previous Declarations, clearly establishes actual reduction to practice of the prototype docking station prior to May 24, 2000 (the filing date of Coon, et al.), which has the specific features recited at least in currently-pending independent Claims 1, 15, and 30. Applicant submits that the present Supplemental Declaration is sufficient to antedate Coon, et al., the primary reference relied upon to reject all of the claims of the present application. Since the evidence provided in both the

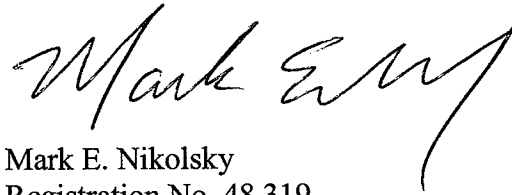
previous Declarations and the present Supplemental Declaration show actual reduction to practice of the very features for which Coon, et al. was cited in the Office Action (i.e., a docking station for docking and integrating a portable device for use with a car stereo), Applicant submits that Coon, et al. is effectively sworn behind. As such, all of the pending rejections are rendered moot, since they are all premised upon Coon, et al. as the primary reference in combination with other references.

Applicant has also added new independent claim 42 and associated dependent claims 43-48 to further define the present invention. Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any combination, disclose each element recited in independent claim 42 and dependent claims 43-49.

All issues raised in the Office Action are believed to have been addressed. Claims 43-49 have been added. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-19, 21, and 23-49 are pending and are in condition for allowance. No new matter is believed to have been added. Re-examination has been requested and favorable action solicited.

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